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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Special Activities
Deputy for Field Activities, OSA

SUBJECT : Status of U-2 Auto-Pilot Fix

1. [] Lear Tech Rep, departed for [] on 19 December. He hand carried four Gyro Platforms (bench checked by Lear against new specs) and three Pitot-static source kits for the mach sensor. [] anticipates they will be able to install the new equipment, check out the system on the ground and perform two high altitude test flights on one aircraft by 27 December.

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2. The Rate Limit Logic Package will complete preliminary testing on 22 December. The first interim production model will go into test at LAC, Van Nuys, on 27 December. Approximately three flights will be required to qualify the first interim production model. This action together with one flight on each of the three interim production models destined for [] is scheduled for completion 29 December. Assuming two days in transit and three days installation and check out time, the first completely retro-fitted aircraft should be available for use on 5 January.

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3. Gyro Platforms for Detachment "G" are presently undergoing testing at Lear. Sufficient platforms to retro-fit possessed aircraft will be available on 27 December. Completion of Pitot-static source kits for [] has been delayed by a shortage of Pitot masts which are Government furnished.

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4. The depot has advised that 6 Pitot masts should arrive at LAC on 23 December. [redacted] aircraft should be retro-fitted with new platforms and Pitot-static sources by 5 January. Rate Limit Logic Packages will be furnished the detachment not later than 5 January. A completion date for overall retro-fit of all aircraft by both operating locations has been set for 15 January.

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